

# CHUGACH STATE PARK

## Winter Recreation Condition Report

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### CHUGACH AREAS AND TRAILS

AREA	SNOWMACHINE STATUS	NEW SNOW (last week)	AVG. SNOW DEPTH	Comments
Anchorage Hillside	<b>CLOSED</b>	0"	12"	Trails are packed snow (skiable but icy)
Anchorage Hillside Ski Trails	<b>Non- Motorized</b>	0"	12"	Trails are packed snow (skiable but icy)
Bird Valley	<b>OPEN</b>	0"	14"	Icy trails
Eagle River 7.4 Access	<b>OPEN</b>	0"	14"	
Eagle River Nature Center Trails	<b>Non- Motorized</b>	0"	12"	694-2108 ext. 3 or <a href="mailto:info@ernc.org">info@ernc.org</a>
Eklutna Lake	<b>OPEN</b>	0"	8"	Lakeside trail; snowmachiners use lot by ranger station. (Reminder: ATV's prohibited until April 1st)
Indian Valley	<b>Non- Motorized</b>	0"	18"	
Peters Creek	<b>OPEN</b>	0"	16"	
Ptarmigan Valley	<b>CLOSED</b>	0"	13"	wind and warmer temps have exposed alpine areas
South Fork Eagle River	<b>Non- Motorized</b>	0"	15"	
ThunderBird Falls Trail	<b>Non- Motorized</b>	0"	8"	
Turnagain Arm Trails	<b>Non- Motorized</b>	0"	9"	Trails icy. Lower Potter lot, Lower Mchugh Lot, and Bird Fishing Access, OPEN. All other gates Locked.
Average snow depth is recorded uncompressed.				
Snowmachine openings are based on amount of packed snow base and vegetation coverage.				

**Please note:** A \$5 day-use fee or 2009/10 annual parking pass is required at most trailheads throughout the park. The 2010 parking passes can be purchased from park offices, park staff, REI, and AMH

Four-wheel drive and studded tires and/or chains are strongly recommended at most of the accesses to the park.

**Back country users:** Chugach State Park is an **AVALANCHE HAZARD AREA**. Be knowledgeable of the avalanche conditions and be sure and take your beacons, shovels, and probes and be knowledgeable of their use. **BE PREPARED!!!** The weather can change quickly and threaten your life. Remember hypothermia is a life-threatening problem. Safe traveling can prevent backcountry emergencies and costly search and rescues. Always let someone know where you're going. Know the hazards of the country you're traveling in. Travel with a pack containing safety gear and emergency provisions.

Be safe and enjoy the park.